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THE HUMBLE  
ADDRESS  
OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
The Lords Spiritual and Temporal,  
in Parliament assembled,  
PRESENTED TO  
HIS MAJESTY,  
*On Thursday, November 2, 1780.*

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WITH  
HIS MAJESTY'S  
MOST GRACIOUS  
ANSWER.

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*Die Jovis, 2<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1780.*

**O**Rdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty this Day, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

*Ashley Cowper,*

Cler' Parliamentor'.



The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honour-  
able the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,  
in Parliament assembled.

*Die Mercurii, 1<sup>o</sup> Novembris, 1780.*

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

PERMIT us to offer to Your Majesty our most dutiful Congratulations on the Birth of another Prince, and the happy Recovery of the Queen, and to assure Your Majesty, that every Addition to Your Majesty's domestick Happiness must always afford the highest Satisfaction to Your faithful Subjects.

IN the present arduous Situation of publick Affairs, we think it an indispensable Part of our Duty to make those spirited and vigorous Exertions which such a Conjunction demands; and we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, that we are united in a firm Resolution to decline no Difficulty or Hazard in the Defence of our Country, and for the Preservation of our essential Interests.

IT is with just and heartfelt Indignation that we see the Monarchies of *France* and *Spain* leagued in Confederacy to support the Rebellion in Your Majesty's Colonies in *North America*, and employing the whole Force of those Kingdoms in the Prosecution of a War waged in Violation of all publick Faith, and for the sole Purpose of gratifying boundless Ambition, by destroying the Commerce, and giving a fatal Blow to the Power of *Great Britain*.



WE have seen with great Satisfaction that the Force which, with just Confidence, was entrusted to Your Majesty by Parliament, has, by the Blessing of Divine Providence on the Bravery of Your Fleets and Armies, enabled Your Majesty to withstand the formidable Attempts of Your Enemies, and to frustrate the great Expectations they had conceived; and we hope and trust that the Success of Your Majesty's Arms in *Georgia* and *Carolina*, gained with so much Honour to the Conduct and Courage of Your Majesty's Officers, and to the Valour and Intrepidity of Your Troops, will have the most important Consequences, and that such signal Events, followed by those vigorous Measures which Your Majesty recommends, and in which we are determined to concur, will disappoint all the Views of our Enemies, and restore the Blessings of a safe and honourable Peace.

WE are satisfied that the only Way to accomplish this great End, which Your Majesty so earnestly desires, is to make such powerful and respectable Preparations as shall convince our Enemies that we will not submit to receive the Law from any Powers whatever, but, with that Spirit and Resolution which becomes us, will maintain the essential Rights, Honour, and Dignity of *Great Britain*.

WE have a deep and most grateful Sense of the constant Solitude Your Majesty shews to promote the true Interests and Happiness of all Your Subjects, and to preserve inviolate our excellent Constitution in Church and State. And we beg Leave humbly to assure Your Majesty, that it shall be our earnest Endeavour to justify and deserve the Confidence which Your Majesty so graciously places in our Affection, Duty, and Zeal.

*Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by the whole House.*

## His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

**I** THANK you heartily for this very loyal and dutiful Address.

*The Joy you express in the Increase of My Family, and in the happy Recovery of the Queen, is extremely agreeable to Me.*

*Your wise and spirited Resolutions to prosecute the War with Vigour, and to maintain, at every Hazard, the essential Interests, Dignity, and Honour of Great Britain, give Me the highest Satisfaction, and must be productive of the most salutary Effects, both at Home and Abroad.*



